

Generation 2

Albert Lafayette Ward and Sarah Peters

Albert Lafayette Ward was born 7 December 1859 in Spencer Twp., Ralls County, Missouri. The 1860 census says Albert was 5 months old when it was taken July 6, 1860. The 1870 census says he was born in Canada but he is one of the children who wasn't. His parents were Daniel D. Ward and Harriet Newell Cooke.

His father's anti slavery views made them unwelcome in Missouri and they were "encouraged" to leave there. Family lore says the Bushwhackers visited one night; had a noose around Daniel's neck but Harriet begged them to let him go. They left right away. I can't find any proof that the Bushwhackers were in that area but maybe they were. The Nevada Daily Mail June 15, 1994 had this article.

Bushwhacking in Chariton—Six Union Men Killed.	
5	We learn that on Christmas eve, the noted bushwhacker, Jim Jackson and his men killed six men in Chariton county, a part of whom resided at Muscle Fork and the others on Bee Branch. Three of them, old man Lowe and son and a Mr. Jackson, were killed at home, and our informant supposes the others, whose names are not given, were also. The murdered men were all Radical Unionists. We are told that this Jackson and his band of fiends, roam almost at pleasure over the counties of Chariton, Howard and that region of country.
re	The above is clipped from the Jefferson City Times and furnishes an additional chapter in the wretched and bloody drama being enacted in the unfortunate county of Chariton. In this instance, as we are informed, the atrocities have been committed by a lawless band of bushwhackers, armed marauders, not recognized as soldiers by either of the parties to the calamitous civil war now desolating large tracts of our common country, and therefore properly denounced by all as enemies of mankind. It would be some relief in contemplating the frequent acts of murder and arson perpetrated in Chariton, in the past six or seven months, could the mind be satisfied that all the long list of outrage and crime enacted in that county was the work of these little less than demons. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.
is	The first instance of assassination—and all the killing done in Chariton county deserves the name of assassination—was the killing of Mr. Phillips, a Union man, by a bushwhacker. In this instance, the killing was mutual, Mr. P. having fired his weapon simultaneously with his assailant, and both were killed. This affair occurred sometime in May last. Shortly after the killing of Mr. Phillips, the atrocious wretch Trueman, entered the county under pretended authority from Gen. Rosecrans, commanding the Department of Missouri, and Gen. Fisk, then and since in command of the District in which Chariton county is included. He signalized the commencement of his atrocities by hanging Walker, Veal and Stark, and shooting Fox, Jennings and Beviers. None of these men had been convicted of committing any offence against the Government, whilst Beviers was well known as a Union-loving and law abiding citizen. Trueman, and the gang under him, stole large quantities of private property, including clothing, money and jewelry, all of which was taken without any legal warrant, and only a part of which was turned over to the Federal authorities by Trueman when arrested. This outlaw further signalized his atrocities in Chariton, by burning the house of Mr. Anselm Johnson, a farmer residing a few miles from Keytesville, and destroying the valuable contents, except so much as was carried off by this band of plunderers. Trueman, as our readers may remember, was tried by a military commission and sentenced to be hung, an end which he richly merited, and from which he was saved by General Rosecrans commuting his punishment to imprisonment during the war.

Harriet delivered a still born son in Payson, Adams Co., Illinois and died Dec. 1861. It was all downhill for the family after Harriet died. None of the siblings were together, the oldest boys having joined the Union army and the rest of the children scattered. Where were Daniel's and Harriet's family? Why didn't they step up and take the children?

SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in Spencer Township in the County of Ralls, State of Missouri, enumerated by me, on the 6th day of July, 1860. John Brown Ass't Marshal.

Post Office New London.

Dwelling-house and order of visitation.	Family number in the order of visitation.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School Attended Sunday School For more than one month who can read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		Age.	Sex.	White & black or mixed color		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.				
1	3	28, 65, 22, 3		4 5 6		7	8	9	10	11 12 13	14
1	352 374	John G. Nichols	34 m		Farmer	1000	900	Key			1
2		Rachel "	38 f					"			2
3		Harmon "	4 m					Mrs			3
4		Harriet E "	7 f					"			4
5		William J "	3 m					"			5
6		Ann M "	1 f					"			6
7	383 377	aniel S. Ward	53 m		"	500	250	Perry Edwards, Jr.			7
8		Harriet N "	39 f		"			Iowa Scottish			8
9		Charles D "	19 m		Farm Laborer			"			9
10		Margaret H "	17 f					"			10
11		Francis G "	13 m					C. W.			11
12		Sarah A "	13 f					"			12
13		Henry A "	11 m					"			13
14		Harriet N "	10 f					Irish			14
15		Rosanna "	8 f					C. W.			15
16		William C "	6 m					"			16
17		Mary L "	4 f					"			17
18		John R "	2 m					All.			18
19		Albert L "	53 m					Mo.			19
20	384 377	John S. Clarke	52 m		Farmer	700	1200	Key			20
21		Isabel P "	41 f					"			21
22		Adala M "	10 f					Mrs			22
23		Isabel E "	9 f					"			23
24		Harmon E "	8 f					"			24
25		John T "	5 m					"			25
26	582 378	Joseph "	12 m		"			"			26
27	385 378	Gilbert J. Thompson	49 m		"	14000	12700	Key			27
28		Mary S "	32 f					Ans.			28
29		Green G "	14 m					"			29
30		John H "	12 m					"			30
31		Hannah J "	9 f					"			31
32		William J "	7 m					"			32
33		Joseph M "	6 m					"			33
34		James Heath	31 m		Farmers			Key			34
35		James Clampert	21 m		Farm Laborer			"			35
36	386 378	John P. Fidus	37 m		Farmer	3000	900	Mo.			36
37		Emeline L "	33 f					Mo.			37
38		Kenny P "	4 f					Mo.			38
39		John T "	3 m					"			39
40		Solomon A "	1 m					"			40
		No. white males,	13		No. colored males,		No. foreign born,		No. blind,		
		No. white females,	17		No. colored females,		No. deaf and dumb,		No. lame,	14700 15950	No. epileptic,
											No. convicts,

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Buckhart Township, in the County of Fulton, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 11th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Canton, Illinois.

Walter P. Langway, Asst Marshal.

Dwelling numbered in the order of valuation.	Family numbered in the order of valuation.	DESCRIPTION.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.			Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S. or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.			EDUCATION.	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.									
			Age last birthday.	Sex—Males (M.)	Females (F.)		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Father of foreign birth.		Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., etc.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., etc.)	Attended school within the year, cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Children of U. S. of 21 years of age and upward.	Male Children of U. S. of 21 years of age and upward.	Male Children of U. S. of 21 years of age and upward.	Male Children of U. S. of 21 years of age and upward.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	292287	Brown Lyman	70	M	W	Laborer			New York											1
2	—	Catharine	62	F	W	Kuka House			Pennsylvania											2
3	—	Porter Francis	16	F	W				Illinois											3
4	293282	Johansen Mary	40	F	W	Kuka House	500		Pennsylvania											4
5	—	Jacob	12	M	W				Illinois											5
6	—	Marietta	10	M	W				Illinois											6
7	—	Mary J	8	F	W				Illinois											7
8	—	Lura	6	M	W				Illinois											8
9	—	Elvora	4	F	W				Illinois											9
10	—	William	2	M	W				Illinois											10
11	—	Charles	16	M	W	Laborer			Indiana											11
12	294283	Beach Dennis	50	M	W	Laborer	600		Connecticut											12
13	—	Mary	43	F	W	Kuka House			Indiana											13
14	—	Elara	15	F	W				Ohio											14
15	295284	Bell David	26	M	W	Farmer	9300	900	Illinois											15
16	—	Pauline	52	F	W	Kuka House			Indiana											16
17	—	Perry	14	M	W	at Home			Illinois											17
18	296285	Wetfield James	49	M	W	Farmer	3000	1000	Illinois											18
19	—	Sarah	36	F	W	Kuka House			Colorado											19
20	—	Jacob	12	M	W				Illinois											20
21	—	Mary	8	F	W				Illinois											21
22	—	Samuel	6	M	W				Illinois											22
23	—	Carry	4	F	W				Illinois											23
24	—	Emmaja	2	F	W				Illinois											24
25	297286	Ervine Jack	60	M	W	Farm laborer	600		Ohio											25
26	—	Elizabeth	63	F	W	Kuka House			Virginia											26
27	—	Richard	20	M	W	Wood Chopper			Ohio											27
28	—	Frank Lafette	12	M	W				Missouri											28
29	298287	Peter Abraham	71	M	W	Farmer	800	1200	Virginia											29
30	—	Elizabeth	67	F	W	Kuka House			Virginia											30
31	299288	Peter William	34	M	W	Farmer	600		Ohio											31
32	—	Eliza	24	F	W	Kuka House			Illinois											32
33	—	Sarah	7	F	W				Illinois											33
34	—	Sherman	5	M	W				Illinois											34
35	—	Mary	2	F	W				Illinois											35
36	—	John	1	M	W				Illinois											36
37	298289	Boardman Lewis	68	M	W	Farmer	14000		Virginia											37
38	—	Mary A	17	F	W	Kuka House			Missouri											38
39	—	James A	15	M	W				Illinois											39
40	—	Emma	6	F	W				Illinois											40
	1	No. of dwellings,		No. of white females,		No. of males, foreign born,	13208	5,700	No. of insane,								8			
	" " families,	" "	" "	" colored males,	" "	" females,	" "	" "	" " Supper,	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
	" " white males,	" "	" "	" "	" "	" blind,			" "											

Joseph and Elezabeth Evans, both in their 60s. Also in the home was Richard Evans age 20.
Lafette's age is given as 12.

Is this our Albert going by Lafette?? I don't know who these people are.

Page No. 6? 25 Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Newton Township, in the County of Ozaukee, State of Wisconsin, enumerated by me on the 25th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Quasquaton H.H. Turner, Asst Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	DESCRIPTION.				Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S. or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.			EDUCATION.	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1.	X	McCoy Patrick	5	11	11						Wisconsin	/	/								
2.		Morris	3	11	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
3.		Edward	1	11	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
4.	29 99	McCoy John	55	11	9	Farmer	4800	1130			Ireland	/	/								
5.		John	14	2	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
6.		James	14	11	9						Ireland	/	/								
7.	30 90	Devlin William	21	11	9	Farmer Laborer					Ireland	/	/								
8.	→	Devlin Albert	10	11	9						Canada	/	/								
9.		Devlin John	40	11	9	Farmer	4980	2890			Ireland	/	/								
10.		Catharine	50	3	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
11.		DeBreck	15	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
12.		John	19	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
13.		Lizzie	10	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
14.	31 31	McCoy Michael	50	11	9	Farmer					Ireland	/	/								
15.		James	14	2	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
16.		William	14	11	9						Pennsylvania	/	/								
17.		Mary	10	2	9						Kentucky	/	/								
18.		Kate	8	2	9						Kentucky	/	/								
19.		Martin	6	2	9						Kentucky	/	/								
20.		Annie	2	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
21.	32 32	Smith Patrick	50	11	9	Farmer					Ireland	/	/								
22.		Annie	48	2	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
23.		Mary	20	2	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
24.		Nate	18	2	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
25.		Jane	17	2	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
26.		Ernie	13	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
27.		Peter	16	11	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
28.		Philip	14	11	9						Wisconsin	/	/								
29.		William	11	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
30.		Alice	10	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
31.		Susan	4	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
32.	33 33	Evans Patrick	55	11	9	Farmer	1180	0	770		Ireland	/	/								
33.		Mary	40	2	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
34.		James	13	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
35.		George	11	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
36.		Daniel	7	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
37.	34 34	Paragry Charles	42	11	9	Farmer	2600	840			Ireland	/	/								
38.		Mary	35	2	9	Keepin' House					Ireland	/	/								
39.		Denis	9	11	9						Iowa	/	/								
40.		Anna	8	2	9						Iowa	/	/								
41.	6 6	No. of dwellings, 7	No. of white females, 17	No. of males, foreign born, 9							No. of insane, —										
		" families, 7	" colored males, " females, "	" blind,																	
		" white males, 23	" females, "																		

My guess is that the personal estate in Albert's column belongs to John Devlin. This is poorly written. Albert worked for John McCoy. Was he living with McCoys or

Devlins? John Devlin's grandmother on his mother's side was Mary J Ward who married Peter McEnany. Their daughter, Katie married John Devlin Sr. Katie's brother, Peter McEnany, married Ann Ward. I haven't found any relationship between the Ward women and none to Albert. There must be a reason Albert is living with them. Or did the census taker make a huge error on this page and Albert was living with John McCay who he later worked for?

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus , except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
NOTE E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.

NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.

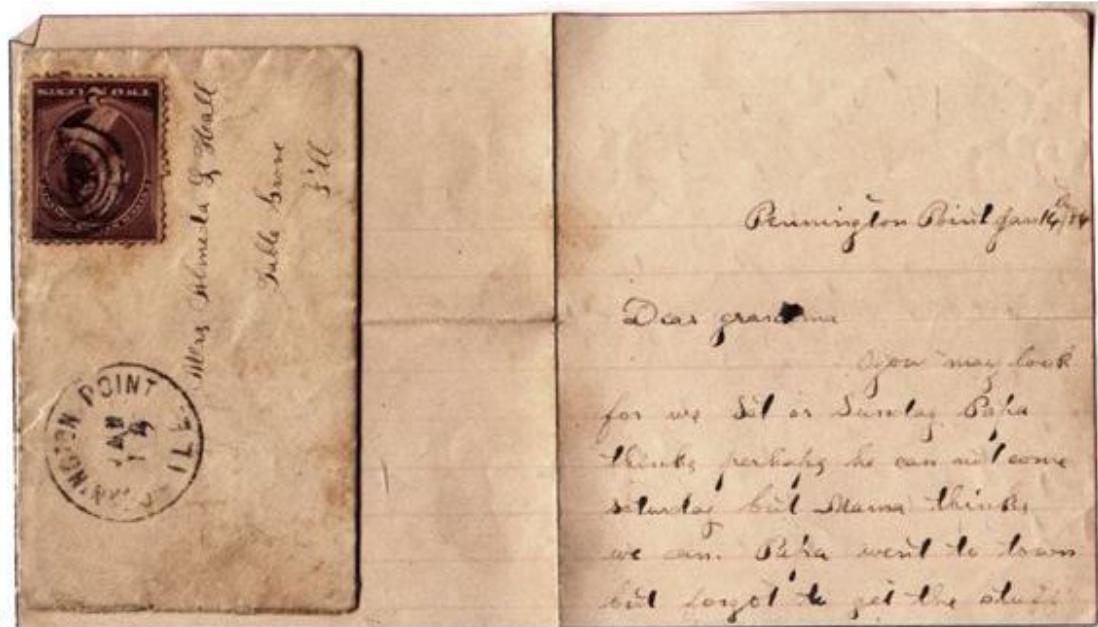
NOTE G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Albert was living on a nearby farm owned by John McCay in Newton, Buchanan County, Iowa by the 1880 census and was a farm hand there. This sounds like a very nice place to live and work for a 20 year old young man. I wonder why he moved on. John and Ann McCoy History of Buchanan County, Iowa, With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches Find A Grave Memorial# 51615841



Albert's father, Daniel died in 1880/1882 at Pennington Point, McDonough Co., Ill
This photo of Albert and his sister, Harriet, might have been taken at that funeral.

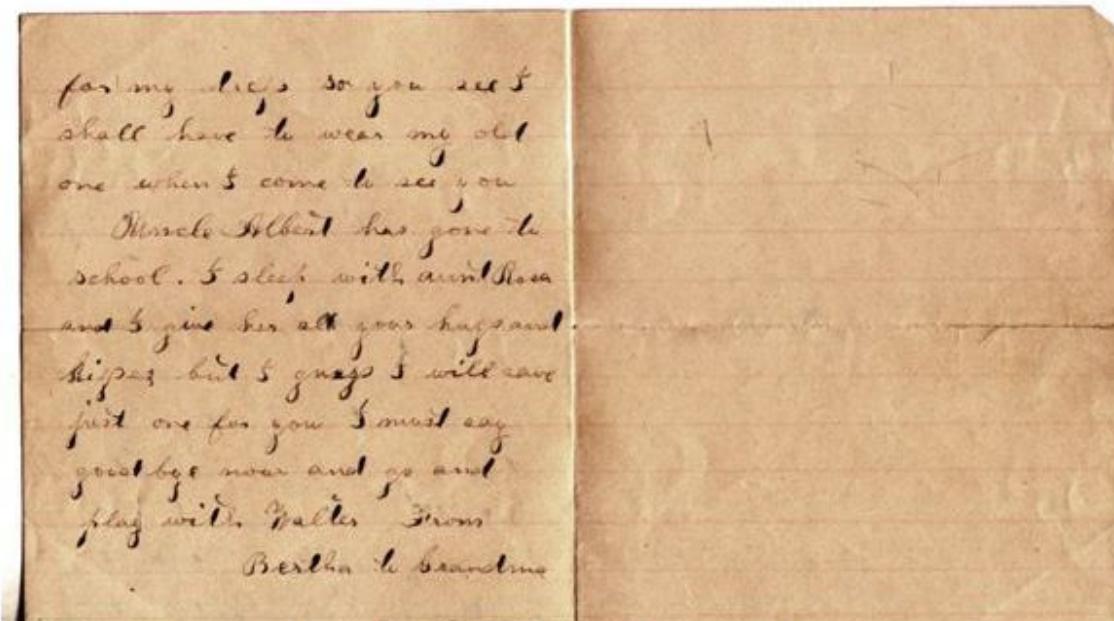
Almeda Woods Hall's daughter, Marcella Hall, m. Francis Cook Ward who was Albert's brother.. Bertha was Marcella and Francis' daughter. Albert was staying with them in 1886. "Uncle Albert went to school." He was 27 years old. Why was he going to school?



Pennington Point Jan 16 [86?84?]

Dear Grandma

You may look for us Sat or Sunday. Papa thinks perhaps he can not come Saturday but Mama thinks we can. Papa went to town but forgot to get the stuff



for my dress so you see I shall have to wear my old one when I come to see you. Uncle Albert has gone to school. I sleep with aunt Rosa and I give her all your hugs and kisses but I [guess?] I will save just one for you I must say good bye now and go and play with Walter From Bertha to Grandma

If he was in Illinois in 1886, where did he go from there? He's missing from 1886 until the 1900 census.

This photo of Anna Grassfield was in Albert's papers. Were they a "couple"? Why did he keep her picture all these years? Just like me, I find things I didn't know I had? Buchanan County and Linn County share a border so Albert was in the vicinity of Maria M. Grassfield's home. She died 9th of May, 1895 in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa. She was born July 24, 1868. Parents: Peter Allen Grassfield (1836 - 1907) Ann Johnson Grassfield (1840 - 1909) Maria was 27 and Albert 35.



Burial: [Oak Shade Cemetery](#) Marion, Linn County, Iowa, USA Plot: Section H
Maria's Find A Grave is here: Memorial ID 15366212

Page 1 of Marion Sentinel, published in Marion, Iowa on Thursday, May 9th, 1895

Miss Maria Grassfield died this morning after a serious illness of several weeks duration. She was the daughter of Peter Grassfield, Sr. and was 26 years old.

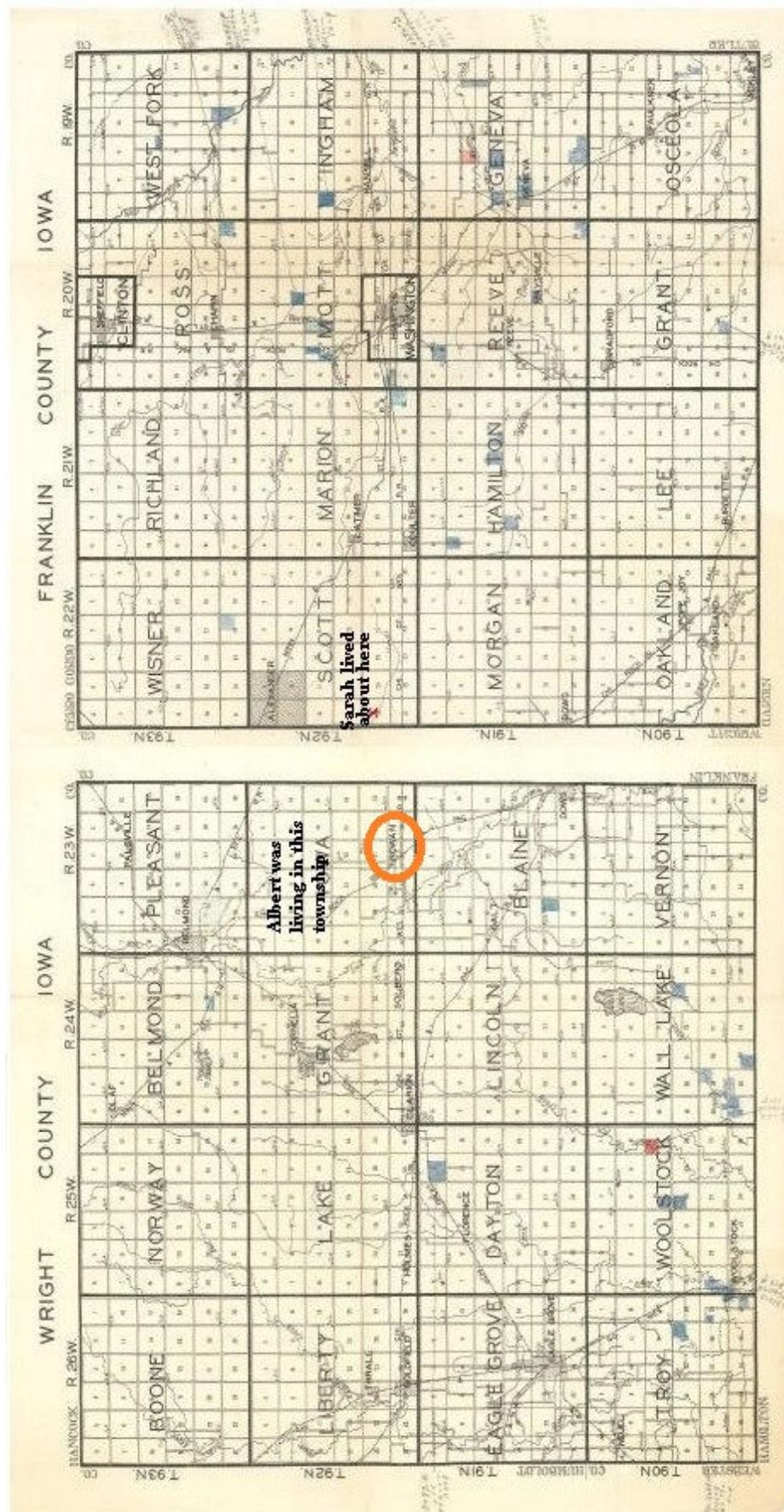
And some additional input from Maria's picture on the tree at ancestry.com

Maria L. Grassfield, born Paris, IA 7-24-1868, dtr of Peter A, and Ann Grassfield, moved to Marion as a child. D. 5-9-1895. 2. Miss Maria Grassfield, daughter of Night Policeman Grassfield, died this morning after a lingering illness extending over a period of several weeks. Funeral to be announced later. 3. Death record said she died at 6:30 a.m. 4. Said she died of Chronic Diarrhea at

age of 25 yr, 9 mo.

Maria died in 1895. and Sarah's son, Wesley was b. 1897. Was Albert in Linn County or close by when she died? It causes doubt that Albert was Wesley's father. Possible but still a question. If only someone in that line was still alive! DNA testing is a wonderful thing.

When he was 40 years old he had still not settled anywhere and was hired labor on Lorenzo Bingham's farm in Iowa Twp., Wright County, Iowa in 1900. By modern roads that would be approximately 140 miles NW of Linn County. Why did he go there?



Sarah Peters, daughter of Johan Charles Peters and Sophia Herman Peters was born Sept, 1876 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her family lived in Cedar Falls and Fairfield until moving to a farm south of Alexander, Iowa about 1886. Recall that Albert was in Illinois with his brother, Francis in 1886.

Sarah's son, Wesley, was born 7 Dec. 1897. Sarah was not married and she and Wesley lived with her parents. Sarah was 21 years old. I think they were living 2 miles south of Alexander on the east side of the road. They might have been living on the Cobb Farm.



I think that's Wesley in the red jacket.

I don't know where or how Albert met Sarah Peters but Sarah's family lived only a few miles from the farm where Albert was working according to the 1900 census. They had their first child together 14 March 1902 and were married in October 1902 in Hampton, Iowa. By W.W. Pattingill, Baptist Minister. I wonder why Baptist since Albert's family was Methodist and the Methodist minister there at the time was Rev. H.W. Troy. The 1925 census gives Sarah's religion as Methodist but Albert and the children have no church affiliation listed.

I've read the old Congregational Church minutes when Sarah's brother, Louis, and his father in law, M.D. Latham were some of the founding members of that church in Alexander, Iowa. There is no mention of any Peters there other than Louie. The church eventually joined with the existing Methodist Church in Alexander.

14 March 1902 "Charlie" Walter Brian Ward was born in Rowan, Iowa. Sarah and Albert must have been living in Rowan but they didn't get married until October 23, 1902.

Sarah's father died Jan. 30, 1902. Was her mother still living? The way this is worded leads me to think she was. I've never found her death and there is no record at Meservay for John Peters although his two young children are buried there with Sophia's parents, B. John Herman and Maria Neuendorf Herman. Was there a church service for John?

John Peters sr. died at the family residence January 30 after a long illness, at the age of 72 years. Burial took place in the Meservay cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Hampton Chronicle Feb 6, 1902

1902 Hampton Chronicle October 23, 1902 reported: "Albert Ward and Sarah Peters were married in Hampton Tuesday of last week." Actual date was 15 Oct 1902. Record shows the marriage performed by Baptist Minister. Sarah was 25 and had two children. Albert was 42. It's possible that Wesley is Albert's son but in pictures, Wesley does not look anything like the other boys.

Mrs. Rice.

Albert Ward and Sarah Peters
were married in Hampton Tuesday of
last week.

Married Saturday Oct 15 Saturday

Name: Albert L. Ward

Titles and Terms:

Event Type: Marriage

Event Date: 15 Oct 1902

Event Place: Hampton, Franklin, Iowa, United States

Age: 43

Birth Year (Estimated):

Birthplace: Payson, Mo.

Father's Name: Daniel D. Ward

Father's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Name: Harriet Cook

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Name: Sarah Peters

Spouse's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated): 1874 (actual 1876)

Spouse's Birthplace: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Spouse's Father's Name: John Peters

Spouse's Father's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Mother's Name: Sophia Hermann

Spouse's Mother's Titles and Terms:

Reference ID:

GS Film Number: 1481259

Digital Folder Number: 004320558

Citing this Record: "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934," index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal/MM9.1.1/KC4H-T7F> : accessed 07 Aug 2014), Albert L. Ward and Sarah Peters, 15 Oct 1902; citing Hampton, Franklin, Iowa, United States; FHL microfilm 1481259 .



I got these images from microfilm at the Hampton Library for free.

INDEPENDENCE, IOWA	IOWA	3	FIRST	3	U.S.A. MARRIAGE	
Sarah Peters	1 28 years	1 John Peters		1 at Hampton, Franklin Co., Iowa, Oct 15, 1902	Nov 25, 1902	
	2 White	3			Mar 11, 1903	
	3 Cedar Falls, Iowa	Sophia Hermann		2 Mary E. Pattengill-Florence H. Pattengill		
ALEXANDER, IOWA	IOWA	3	FIRST	3 W.W. Pattengill, M.G.		

AMOUNT	OF GROOM	NUMBER	IOWA	WIFE
1 1426	1	1 Albert L. Ward	1 43 years	1 Daniel D. Ward
			2 White	
20st 15, 1902	2	2 Rowan, Iowa	3 Payson, Mo.	2 Harriet Cook
		3 Farmer		3 First

Reverend Wilkins resigned June 28, 1902 and Rev. W.W. Pattengil came Oct. 1902. That might explain in part why the marriage didn't occur sooner but it doesn't explain Baptist rather than Methodist.

Can you believe I paid \$25 for this document!! Just goes to show you anyone can cut and paste but not everyone can charge \$25 for it. I was the fool who paid the asking price.

The Iowa State Census for 1905 lists Albert, Sarah, Wesley, Walter and Albert Ward in Rowan, Iowa.

William Cook Ward was born in Hancock, Wright County, Iowa on 23 March 1906. This needs research; Hancock County and Wright County are next to each other. This also tells me that Albert knew his family history to know to name a child with the middle name Cook and later on the names Daniel Ward and Harriet Newell Ward. How did he know that if he was living with other people from the time he was 4 years old?

When Albert and Sarah's son, Daniel, was born in Buffalo Center 20 Feb 1908 Albert must have been working for the RR. The 1910 census gave his occupation as section boss in Buffalo Twp., Winnebago County, Iowa. The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, and the Minneapolis and St. Louis were there at that time.

Sarah was 30 and Albert was 49 April 23, 1910 when they lived in Buffalo Center, Iowa. They'd been married 7 years, Sarah was the mother of 5 children, all living. Harold wasn't born until Sept 8 of that year. Sarah answered the census takers questions and she did not know where Albert was born or where his parents were

born. She said her parents were born in Hungary. They lived in a mortgaged house, spoke English and could read and write.

Hank was born in Waverly Nov. 7, 1912. Albert must have been working for the RR.

Harriet Oct 15, 1914 and Frank April 13, 1917 were both born in Lanesboro. The rail road there at that time was Mason City and Fort Dodge Railroad.

The 1915 census says Albert had been in Iowa 51 years and he was 55 years old so he must have come to John Devlin's right after his mother died. He would have been about 4 so that figures out right. Albert said his parents were both from Nova Scotia. He was Methodist. (Some of his siblings were baptized in the Methodist Church in Canada.) Albert earned \$720 in 1914. He was a section boss. He had "common education 10. In 1925 he and Sarah had both completed 4th grade so a bit of discrepancy there. Sarah was 37 and had attended 13 years of school. She was Methodist.

Wesley was 18 and had earned \$270 in 1914

Walter was 12

Albert Jr. was 11

Willie was 9

Daniel was 6

Harold was 4

Henry was 2

Harriet was 4 months

Just to show you how wrong census information can be, in 1920 census Albert was 40 b. Iowa and Sarah was 42! Albert's parents both b. Nova Scotia. Sarah's parents both b. New York. I wonder who answered the census taker's questions. Walter, Albert, William, Daniel, Harold, Henry, Hattie (my mother would set us all straight on that name!) and Frank were all at home. Wesley and Vera were married and living in Waverly with Lesley and Marian Patterson, Vera's brother and sister in law. They lived on West Monroe Street, Waverly, Iowa.

The 1925 census is 2 pages. Sarah 43 said her parents were John Peters and Sophia Herman who married in NY. Albert was 65 and his father was Ward. They each had a 4th grade education. They lived at 309 Madison in Waverly, Iowa. They rented their house for \$12 a month.

1930 Albert was 70 and occupation farming. Where? For who? They lived on 1st Street in Hampton, Iowa. They owned their home valued at \$3,000 but they didn't own a radio or a farm. Sarah answered the census taker's questions and said Albert's father was born in N.S. and his mother in the U.S. Sarah's parents were born in Germany. Henry, 17, Harriet, 15, and Frank, 13, lived at home and all attended school that year.

I wish I could get the original of this picture. I wonder who is standing behind them. I wonder what year it was taken.



Waverly Republican

Wednesday, October 27, 1937 - Waverly, Iowa

**RITES SATURDAY
FOR A. L. WARD**

**Former Waverly Man Who Died at
Hampton Buried in Hay-
ington Cemetery.**

A. L. Ward, 78, died at his home in Hampton Thursday following a short illness. He had visited his sons in Waverly about a week before his death.

Funeral services were held at the Johnson funeral home, Hampton, Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial was in Harlington cemetery, Waverly.

Mr. Ward had lived in Waverly for about 15 years before moving to Hampton in 1928. During his residence in Waverly he had been section foreman for the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern railway company.

He is survived by his widow, eight sons and one daughter; Wesley Ward, Walter Ward, Bert Ward, Waverly, Ward, Tripoli; Harold Ward, Cedar Rapids; Harold Ward, Bellevue, and Henry, Harriet and Frank, Hampton.

—Sell it with a want ad.

"FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY"

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State Office No.

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should be carefully supplied, AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1. PLACE OF DEATH	Newkirk		State: IOWA	Registered No. 118
County	Waukesha		or Village	
Township	West Washington			
City	Banks		No.	St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its name instead of street and number)				
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ years _____ months _____ days.				
2. FULL NAME	Albert Ward		Ward _____	
(a) Residence No.	Unknown		(If non-resident give city or town and State)	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX	Male	4. COLOR OF HAIR	White	5. Single, Married, Widowed, (Indicate whether awake or asleep)
Date	Married		Married	
6. If married, widowed, or divorced	HUSBAND of Sarah Ward		Wife _____	
7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)	Dec 7, 1859		Year _____	
8. AGE Years	77	Months	10	Days
9. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.	Laborer			
10. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.	General			
11. Date deceased last worked at 10. Total time (years) spent in this occupation (month) and year	1937			
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)	Unknown			
13. NAME	Unknown			
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)				
15. MAIDEN NAME	Unknown			
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)				
17. INFORMANT (Address)	Mrs Sarah Ward West Washington			
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place	Buried in ground			
19. LICENSING EMBALMER (Address)	Hull Johnson N 1819			
20. FILED	Oct 23, 1937			
	W. T. Randal Registrar 352 (Over)			

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH October 21, 1937

22. I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Oct 20 1937 to Oct 21, 1937

I saw him alive on Oct 20, 1937, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 2 AM.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:

(Cerebral & cerebral vascular disease)

Generalized arteriosclerosis

Concurrent

Other

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:

Name of operation _____ Date of _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____

Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place _____

Manner of injury _____

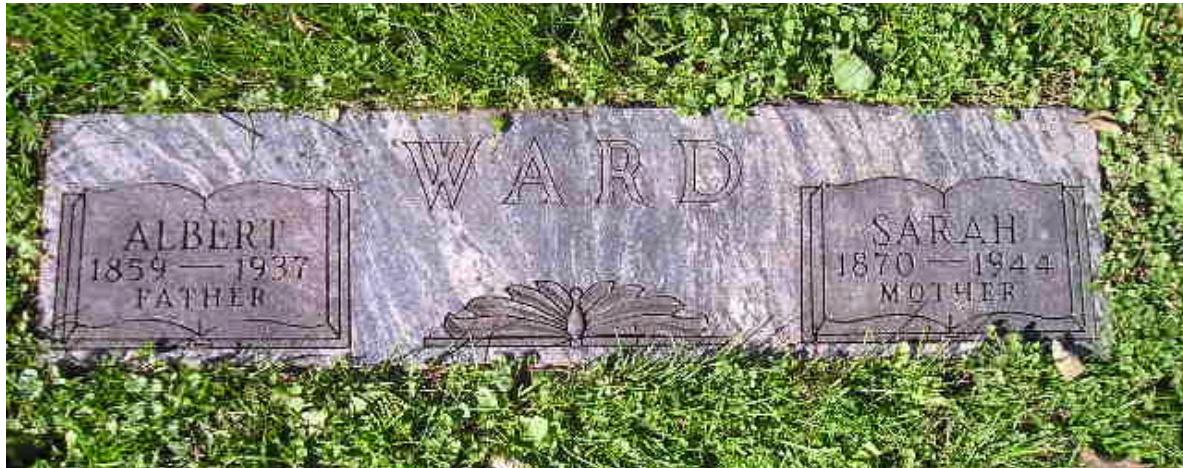
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____ If so, specify _____

(Signed) W. T. Randal
(Address) W. T. Randal, Iowa

Albert died at 2 AM Oct. 21, 1937 at home. I wish I could read the cause of death. If Sarah answered the questions, she didn't remember anything about Albert's family.

Albert died Oct. 21, 1937 in Hampton and is buried in Waverly at Harlington Cemetery. He was 77. Although the inscription says Sarah was born 1870 that is not right. 1876 is more likely from census records. In 1880 she was 4 years old.

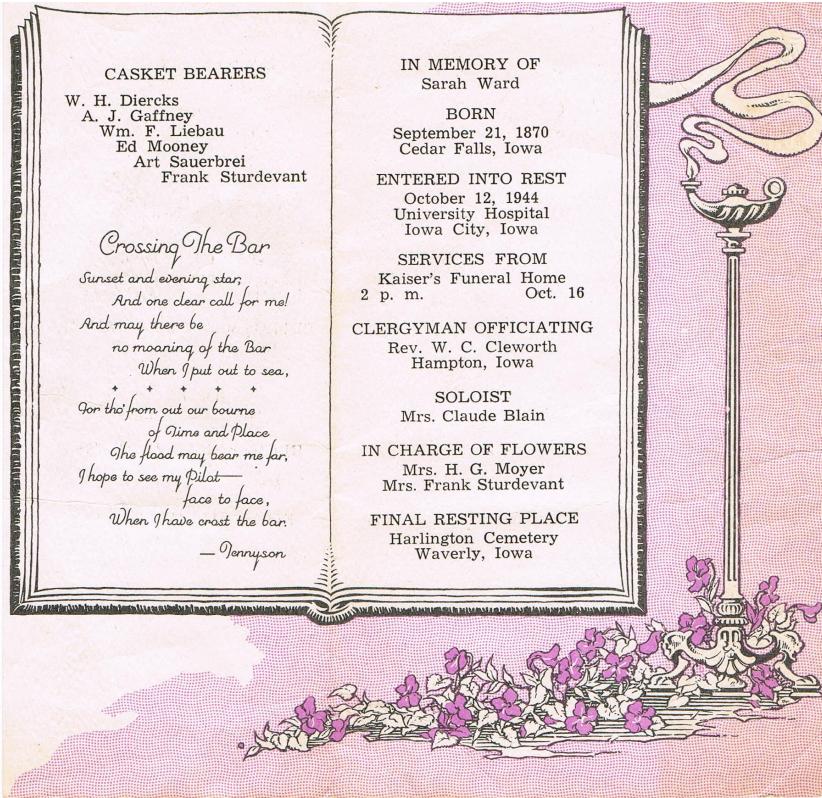


Sarah and the three youngest children, Henry, Frank and Harriet were living in a rented house on 4th Ave. SE in Hampton, Iowa in 1940. \$7 per month.

Sarah died 12 Oct 1944 at University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa from cardiac failure.

RECORD OF DEATHS, No. 7, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA		131
An Official Form No. 1109		
Place of Death. 6-b. County and Township, City or Town. 7. Hospital or Institution, Length of Stay in Hospital. 8. Usual Residence, Length of Stay in Hospital. 9. Town and Street Name. 10. Citizen of Foreign Country. 3b. Veteran of What War. 11. Full Name of Deceased. 12-a. Sex, Color, Marital Status. 13. Name of Wife or Husband, Age if Living.		
7.8-9. Birth Date of Deceased, Age, Birthplace. 10-11. Usual Occupation, Industry or Business. 12. Father's Name. 13. Father's Birthplace. 14. Mother's Name. 15. Mother's Birthplace. 16a. Informant's Name. 16b. Informant's Address.		
17a-b. Burial, Cremation or Removal and Date. 17c. Place of Burial, etc. 18a. Name of Funeral Director. 18b. Address. 19. Location in Township or District, Date Received and File No. 20-21. Date and Cause of Death. 22. Accident, Suicide or Homicide. 23a. Physician's Name. 23b. Physician's Address.		
Yrs. 1. JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA Johnson Co., Iowa City 7. Sept. 21, 1870, 74 yrs., 6 mos. 21 days. Cedar Falls, Iowa 17a. Burial Oct. 16, 1944 1d. 11 mos. 5 days. 10. 11. 17b. Iowa City Univ. Hosp. Housewife 17c. Harlington Cemetery 2b. 12. John Peters Waverly, Iowa Iowa Bremer 13. Sophia Herman 18a. Warren J. Randolph 2d. 415 W. Bremer Ave. 14. No report Iowa City, Ia. Waverly, Ia. 15. 21. 19. Wm. L. Kanak 52-1 22. 23a. 20. 2:35 P.M. Oct. 16, 1944 648 Sarah Ward 23b. Univ. Hosp. Iowa City 21. Cardiac Failure 4. 5. 6a. 6b. 16a. 16b. 22. 23a. 23b. Female White Widowed Nm. Ward J. H. Randall, M. D. Albert Ward 6c. Waverly, Iowa 23b. Univ. Hosp. Iowa City		

Sarah's birth is not right. No wonder it's wrong on her grave stone. She was only 68.



Searches of databases are frequently made under the assumption that our ancestors gave the correct answers, that those answers were written legibly and that the writing was transcribed correctly. Not everything told to the enumerator of the census was the truth. Keep in mind that your relative may have told the census taker anything or the children or neighbors might have answered the questions.

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